

and exactly what they are to do with their lives. Every detail is subject to control by the state, to a degree that never has been attempted by any other group as far as I know in the history of the world. But even among them they do not consider it practical to try to tell every individual what they shall do at every minute of the day. ~~xxx~~

Ordinarily govt.'s don't go nearly as far as the communists in trying to tell you exactly ~~x~~ what to do. I was listening to the children's catechism with my little boy, ~~xxx~~ and it said what was Adam supposed to do, what was his duty, as though it was complete ~~xx~~ obedience to God. Well, I thought right away, what does that mean, complete obedience to God. Did God tell Adam at this particular second you raise your right hand and at this particular second you pick some fruit off this tree, ~~x~~ at this particular second you go and take a walk here. Did He regulate every detail of Adam's life, and it was up to Adam to follow exactly and minutely as God said, and if he deviated a little bit from it he is disobedient to God. There is no evidence in Genesis of anything of the kind. God said, of every tree in the garden you may eat, take your choice. Eat this one when you want to, eat that one when you want, do this when you want, do that when you want. But there was only to the man, you shall not eat of this particular one tree. God intended, doubtless, that man should eat of that one tree when he was ready for it. But it was something which he was not yet ready for. And God's plans for man involved leaving it for a ~~ix~~ later time and an attitude of taking it now was a ~~disobedience~~ disobedience to God, but it wasn't a failure to live minutely in every detail as God should direct. It was a breaking over of a command. It comes under phase one, as you see, at least phase two, but certainly not phase three. ~~xxxx~~

Now God could, of course, have made us automatons, and He could take a button and we could do everything every second that He wanted, ~~xxx~~ and He could determine everything, but the fact of the matter is that God did not make us machines and does not desire us to be machines, He could have made all the machines that He ~~x~~ wanted, but He made us men. And the direction is something which is in a different category. The first part of govt. absolutely must